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JURY AWARDS HEAVY DAMAGES FOR DEATH

Of Mae Easton, Killed In Auto Wreck Last August

A verdict for \$4000 was rendered in circuit court here Wednesday against Barnes Brothers, of Beaver Dam, in a suit of the administrator of Mae Easton, deceased, against said defendants, on account of the killing of the deceased by a car belonging to Barnes Brothers, in an automobile wreck, on the Beaver Dam pike, in August of last year.

At the time of the accident Miss Easton was riding in a car, driven by Dorris Martin. The Barnes car, driven by Carlisle Oldham, it was alleged, was on the wrong side of the road, which accounted for the collision. Miss Easton's death was caused by a broken wind shield cutting a jugular vein.

This is the first judgement ever awarded in an Ohio county court for death or injury due to automobile accident, and it was in fact the first serious accident to occur in the county.

The public will sympathize with both the family of the deceased and the defendants in the suit. Barnes Brothers were in no way personally responsible for the accident, however liable the law may hold them for the action of their agent. It may be justly said that the blame for the whole matter rests upon the heads of the public for its failure to enforce the law governing drivers of automobiles. It appears from the evidence in this case that the driver of neither car was conforming to the law. A few prosecutions for minor offenses might have prevented the major one.

For the public's information we repeat in substance a part of Judge Slack's instruction to the jury, in regard to the law governing the drivers of automobiles.

He said it was the duty of the driver to have his machine under control (especially applicable to making sharp turns in the road and when meeting or passing other machines,) to give notice of his approach, to have kept a lookout ahead for vehicles on the highway, to operate at reasonable speed, to reasonably have turned his machine to the right side of the road and to have reduced his speed to not more than fifteen miles an hour. He said it was the duty of the driver to give warning with a proaching the top of the hill or at horn, bell or other device when any point where he could not see the road in front of him for a distance of 300 feet.

THE EAGLE'S CLAW.

It is always a painful task to have to severely criticize a fellow member of our craft, but we must rise to the defense of an ancient and honorable friend. The eagle's claw is merciful compared to an inexcusable and irreparable exposure of our friend, by editor Greep. His crime is nothing less than peaching upon uncle Alex; uncle Alex who eats right across the table from editor Greep, uncle Alex, who hauls the editor to and fro on his preaching and courting tours; uncle Alex who, like himself, needs a helpmeet and comforter. What if uncle Alex does take a vacation, and go auto-riding in the seductive twilight hours; and what if it is the sap of romance rises anew in the man passing through life's middle watch? What if it? There are some things too sacred to be paraded in the columns of a newspaper; some things that only an enemy would dare to mention above a whisper, and uncle Alex's twilight rides is one of them. Shame on you, Greep, to thus attempt to tear, with cruel hands, uncle Alex's play house down.

RECENT WEDDINGS.

John Brooks and Eula Chancellor, both of Dundee, were married at the court house Saturday afternoon, Rev. Russell Walker officiating. Mr. Brooks was recently discharged from the military service, but has re-enlisted. He has been stationed in New Jersey and will return to that point within a few days. He is 32 and his wife 18 years old. We understand the wedding followed a three days

courtship. Mr. Brooks returned to camp Monday.

Elijah Martin, of Olaton, and Nellie Foreman, of Narrows, were married by Rev. Joseph Acton, at the latter's residence Sunday. Mr. Martin is 39 and Miss Foreman 28 years of age. Miss Foreman was a daughter of Mr. E. D. Foreman, a farmer, of Narrows. This is Mr. Martin's fourth venture in matrimony. The editor of this paper wrote Mr. Martin's first marriage license, twenty years ago, and signed his marriage bond at his recent marriage.

Sam Collins and Annie Wright (col.) were married at Rockport, Tuesday. Sam is 32 and Annie 27. First trial of each in the matrimonial lottery.

H. L. Johnson 23, Centertown, and Katie Boyd 21, Centertown, were married at the home of the bride, yesterday.

J. H. Hines and Lillie Mariah Love, colored, both of Echols, were married at the county clerk's office, Wednesday. Esquire Quint Brown performed the ceremony. J. H. was a widower by the event of death and Lillie Mariah was widowed by a judgement of court.

FRUIT AND CROPS.

The damage to fruit from the frosts of last week is difficult to estimate just yet, according to county agent Browder. Pears and some of the smaller fruits are almost entirely ruined. Grape buds were generally killed, but the vines will send out new shoots and some grapes will result. Tobacco plants were not protected by canvas were killed, but practically all beds were under canvas. The extent of the damage to both the apple and peach crops is uncertain, but heavy dropping later in the season is expected. Irish potatoes will grow out again, but the vines will branch too heavily and the crop will yield less because of the damage. Beans and some other garden vegetables are killed outright and many of those not killed will have their yield seriously effected. Wheat seems to have stood the freeze without material damage. In some instances young clover shows the effect of the freeze, but Mr. Browder thinks the damage will not be noticeable. Farmers are late with their spring work, and very little corn is planted. Stock in fine condition, except distemper is reported in some sections of the county, among horses. It is said to be most prevalent in those communities where farmers have recently bought western horses.

OHIO COUNTY'S 1919 ASSESSMENT FOR TAXES

Official certification of Ohio county's assessment of property for taxable purposes, for the present year, has been transmitted to the Local Authorities, the summary of which is as follows:

Total assessed value of live stock, \$1,565,190.
All other property assessed, \$9,346,654.
Less exemptions on live stock, \$933,210.
Total assessed value of live stock, \$1,565,190.
Less exemptions from live stock, \$631,980.
Live stock subject to taxation, \$933,210.
All other property assessed, \$9,346,654.
Total assessment, subject to taxation, \$10,279,864.
Tax on live stock @ 10c, \$933.21
Tax on other property @ 40c, \$37,386.62.
Total tax due the state, \$38,319.83
Intangible personal property, \$684,012.
Manufacturing machinery, \$29,730.
Agricultural implements, \$198,580.
Raw Material at plant, \$2,200.
Total exempt from Local taxation \$915,522.
Total amount subject to County tax, \$9,364,342.
At 50c., the county rate, \$46,821.71.

TO DOG OWNERS.

Dog owners who have not taken out license tags should beware. The state tax commission is demanding of the sheriff that he kill all dogs that have not been tagged, and will take action against the sheriff if he does not perform the duty. If the law is an unjust one enacted it, but you have no just criticism against the sheriff who must perform the office of enforcing it or himself pay a heavy penalty for not doing so.

ROAD BUILDERS MEET AT THE COURT HOUSE

An interesting road meeting was held at the court house Monday night. Call for the meeting was not sent out until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, but a good crowd turned out. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means for building Ohio county's section of the Owensboro and Bowling Green federal post road.

The meeting was organized by electing Judge John B. Wilson chairman, Rowan Holbrook vice-chairman and Otto Martin secretary. Another meeting was held at the court house last night, but too late for report in this issue. Other meetings will be held from time to time, both in Hartford and in the principal towns of the county through which the highway will pass.

A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested at the meeting Monday night, and confidence was freely expressed that the road would be built. The total cost of the road through the county will be about \$200,000, only forty per cent, or \$80,000 will have to be paid by the county, the remainder being paid by the nation and state. Much of the county's part of the expense of the road will have to be paid for by private subscription, and it is believed the towns and land owners along the proposed route will freely contribute the money. The route from Hartford to Cromwell will follow the road now established, but it is not yet determined whether it will approach Green river at Borah's or Annis' ferry. Contributions of land owners on that section will determine that part of route. On account of indisposition of land owners, along the route from Beda to Pleasant Ridge, to contribute the right of way and other assistance it is probable the post road will be established by way of Hefflin and Nuckolls. Land owners along the latter mentioned route offer, not only to furnish the right of way, but to contribute \$20,000 toward building the road. Report of the progress of these meetings will be reported from week to week until final arrangements for constructing the highway are completed.

FORDSVILLE TEACHERS.

The school board of the Fordsville graded school district has elected the faculty for the ensuing year, except the assistant in the High School work. The teachers elected are. Superintendent, Prof. Warren Peyton; 7th and 8th grades, J. W. O'Dell; 5th and 6th grades, Stanley Murphey; 3rd and 4th grades, Hortense Morrison; 1st and 2nd grades, Myrtle Armendt; Music, Emma Johnson.

HARTFORD WOODMEN REDUCE INIATORY FEE

From this date, until July first, next, Hartford Camp No. 202, W. O. W., will receive petitions with an initiatory fee of \$2.00 instead of \$6.00, as heretofore charged. This \$2.00 fee pays for the medical examination and certificate fee, and covers all charges for complete initiation.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

The Louisville Courier Journal and Times Wednesday carried a forecast of the Republican state ticket, which they declared was finally and forever settled. However, it is but fair to remind these journals that a convention at Lexington, and later a state primary, must O. K. their predictions. The ticket as made up by these Democratic prophets gives all of Kentucky west of Louisville but a single candidate, Prof. Green, and it is our guess, from personal interviews with Prof. Green, that he will not be a candidate. The ticket forecast follows:

Governor Edwin P. Morrow, Somerset.
Lt-Governor Thurston Ballard, Louisville.
Auditor John J. Craig, Covington.
Treasurer James Wallace, Irvine.
Attorney General S. S. Willis, Ashland.
Secretary of State John M. Perkins, Frankfort.
Commissioner of Agriculture W. C. Hanna, Shelbyville.
Superintendent Public Instruction R. P. Green, Bowling Green.

A five years old child of Ida Taylor, colored, was accidentally shot by another negro child, Tuesday morning. The ball from a .22 rifle penetrated the fleshy part of the child's side, but the wound is not necessarily dangerous.

LAST LAP OF PEACE NOW NEARING END

The stage is rapidly being set for the final phase of the peace negotiations. Yesterday's plenary session of the Peace Conference stamped its approval on the covenant of the League of Nations, while to-day Germany's plenipotentiaries are expected to arrive at Versailles to join the members of the mission already there. Some points in the peace treaty to be presented the Germans are as yet unsettled, but it is considered that the clauses involved will shortly be ready for incorporation in the document, so that the completed treaty will be ready for the enemy delegates by the week's end.

Italy was not represented at the plenary session yesterday, but dispatches from Rome indicate the probability that her delegates will return to Paris after a brief period. The Italian Parliament will meet to-day, and it is expected that Premier Orlando will at once appear and lay before it the situation which arose at Paris when President Wilson made his public statement relative to Fiume and Dalmatian coast.

Action by the Parliament which will be, in effect, a mandate to the Orlando Ministry, will be requested, there being an effort to secure a unanimous vote on the resolution demanding that Italy's claim on the eastern coast of the Adriatic coast be recognized. If this is done it is probable that Premier Orlando and his colleagues will immediately reappear at Paris.

Advices from Rome state that the semi-official view of the situation there is that Italy has not definitely withdrawn from the Peace Conference, but has merely suspended participation. If the vote of the Italian Parliament is favorable to the position taken by Premier Orlando it is probable that the diplomatic battle will be resumed in Paris.

There is apparently no thought for the present at least, to annex Fiume to Italy by Parliamentary action; it being planned to demand action on the part of the conference.

The National Council at Fiume, however, has, according to report, handed over all the powers of the state and municipality to a representative of Italy there.

CONVENTION CALL

Pursuant to the call of the Republican State Central Committee, the Republican of Ohio county, Kentucky, are hereby called to meet in Mass Convention in the Court House at Hartford, Saturday, May 10, 1919, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternate delegates to represent said county in the State Republican convention to be held at Lexington, Ky., May 14th, 1919. This April 23, 1919.

ED BARRASS,
Chm. Republican Co. Com.

RECENT LAND SALES.

With the approach of the crop season land sales have fallen off materially, as our transcript of recent sales shows.

James H. Miller to W. L. and Beasie Taylor, two tracts on North Panther creek, \$3000.

Dula and Dan King to Raymond Phillips, lot in Hartford, \$500.
Estil Shields to N. H. Keown, lot in Cromwell, \$600.

Frank Cavender to C. H. Brown, 45 acres on Rough river, \$2000.
J. F. Cooper to Isom Royal, lot in Fordsville, \$550.

J. A. Ralph to J. L. Ralph, 40 acres on South Panther creek, \$200.

R. E. Taylor to J. L. and J. H. Ralph, 37 acres on South Panther creek, \$700.

P. H. Alford to Maggie Balze, lot in Horse Branch, \$650.

M. A. Cairnes to V. M. Renter, lot in Rockport, \$750.

IN CIRCUIT COURT.

The approach of the close of the second week of the special term of circuit court finds a number of important cases disposed of. Several cases have been tried that consumed two and three days. It has been a defendants court except in the case of Easton vs Barnes. The regular May term will open Monday, 5th Day April 25.

J. C. Kirchofer vs A. D. Park, continued.

Frank Black sr., vs Security Life Ins. Co., continued to 1st day July term.

S. A. Reynolds vs Renter Coal Co., dismissed.

A. N. Fulton vs I. C. R. R. Co., continued to 10th day of May term.

SECOND WEEK.
7th Day April 28.

J. T. Vinson & Son vs Beaver Dam Coal Co., dismissed.

C. D. Robinson vs McHenry Coal Co., continued to 8th day of May term.

Finley Carter, ditch case, continued to 9th day of May term.

8th Day April 29.

R. B. Easton admr. vs Barnes Brothers, judgement for plaintiff, \$4000.

W. E. Porter vs Evansville & B. C. Packet Co., continued to 8th day May term.

G. W. Campfield vs same, same order.

W. L. Allen vs Jake Shaver, set forward to 9th day May term.

9th Day April 30.

Virgil Craddock vs Wm. G. McAdoo & C., dismissed.

I. N. Lanham vs L. & N. R. R. Co., continued.

J. W. Smith vs L. & N. R. R. Co., continued.

J. C. DeWitt vs Emma Hedden Basham, on trial.

McHENRY.

Several from here attended court in Hartford Monday.

Mr. George Murphy and wife, who have been visiting Mr. Murphy's brother, just back from France, returned home to-day.

Mr. Will Cox has bought another horse.

Mr. Hill, of near Centertown, died at his home, Monday.

The farmers around here are busy planting corn this week.

Mrs. Bernyce Swain, of Cool Springs, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. Calvin Craddock was in Echols Monday.

LOUISVILLE MARKETS.

Cattle—Export steers \$15@16; heavy shipping, \$14@15; medium, \$13@14; light, \$12.50@13; fat heifers, \$8.50@14; fat cows, \$10@11; medium, \$7@10; cutters, \$6@7; bulls, \$7.50@11; feeders, \$9@13; stockers, \$7.50@11.50; choice milk cows, \$100@125; medium, \$75@100; common, \$55@75.

Calves—Best veals, \$11.50@12; medium, \$6.50@10; common, \$5@6.50.

Hogs—165 pounds and up \$20.25; 120 to 165 pounds \$19; pigs, 120 down, \$17; throwouts, \$18.25 down.

Sheep—Best sheep, \$13@14; bucks, \$11 down; clipped stock, \$2 and \$3 less; best fall lambs, \$16@18; best spring lambs, \$18@20.

Produce—Country butter 30@35c. Eggs candied, 37@39c.

Poultry—Hens, 28@30; medium and small spring chickens, 27@36c; geese, 15@20c.

OWENSBORO TOBACCO MARKET UP A LITTLE

The local tobacco market yesterday recovered from the slump which has been on for a few days, due probably to the good season. There were 37,375 pounds of Pryor sold yesterday for \$5,702.82, at an average of \$15.25. This average is considerably higher than those which have been prevailing for the past week, and a much larger amount of tobacco was disposed of. There were 2,775 pounds of Burley sold for \$355.84 at an average of \$12.82.

In the Eastern division the Lancaster sold 15,510 pounds of Pryor for \$2,084.28, at an average of \$15.44. The Daviess County house sold 2,235 pounds for \$297.99, at an average of \$13.33. The Equity Home disposed of 1,455 pounds for \$233.70, which made an average of \$15.37.

In the Western division the Owensboro led with a sale of 15,945 pounds of dark tobacco that brought an average of \$17.54. For this the amount of \$2,795.99 was paid out.

Field Bros. sold 2,230 pounds of the same type at an average of \$13.49. For this the growers received \$300.84.

The Electric house had no sale yesterday.

In the Eastern division the Lancaster will open sales this morning, with the Equity following and Daviess County closing.

In the Western division the Field Bros., will open, with the Electric following and Owensboro closing.

LOST.

One \$50 Liberty Bond, between Centertown and Hartford. Liberal reward if returned to Farmers Bank at Centertown.

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BOWLING GREEN AND OWENSBORO ROAD PLAN

Discussed At Big Meeting At Beaver Dam Last Saturday

The most important good roads meeting ever held in the county met at Beaver Dam, Saturday. The meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing plans for building a national post road from Owensboro to Bowling Green, by way of Hartford, Beaver Dam, Cromwell and Morgantown. The project originated in Hartford and Judge Cook called the fiscal officials of Daviess, Ohio, Butler and Warren to meet at Beaver Dam Saturday. The response to the call was ready and enthusiastic. County Judge Drake, of Warren county was present, and said only five miles of Warren's part of the proposed road remained to be built, and that his county was ready to complete its part of the road at once.

Judge Wells, county attorney, Birkhead, county engineer, Spurrier and commissioners Riney, Horn and Wilson, of Daviess, were on hands with a proposition to meet Ohio county, not only at the selected point of the proposed road, but at any other road it cared to build.

Butler county was present with more than fifty citizens, including Judge Haynes, Nat Howard, Rolla Keown, editor Rives, of the Green River Republican, bankers Carson and Doolin, and they were "rarin" to build the road.

A temporary organization was effected by electing Judge Mack Cook chairman and the editors present secretaries.

Speeches were delivered by Judge Wells, county attorney Birkhead and county road engineer Spurrier, of Daviess county, by Judge Haynes and Nat Howard, of Butler county, and by Judge Cook and county attorney Kirk, of Ohio county.

When the meeting closed it was apparent that the building of the road was assured provided Ohio county built its part. Daviess and Warren have their sections practically completed. Butler was there with responsible bankers to guarantee the building of the highway through Butler, and county attorney Kirk told the representatives of the sister counties to be of good cheer; that Ohio would connect the link.

A permanent organization was effected, the members of which are the active members of the fiscal courts of the four counties at interest.

TEN PUPILS GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOLS

Superintendent Howard has forwarded to the state superintendent Gilbert, certificates of qualification for the graduation of ten pupils of Ohio county High schools. The graduates, with their ages and grades are:

Fordsville.
Joseph Carr Ray, age 20, grade, four year average, 89.
Olive Loyd, age 18, grade, four year average, 79.
Garnet May Young, 18, grade, four year average, 90.
Amby Peckenpaugh 18, grade, four year average, 80.
Irene O'Dell 18, grade, four year average, 85.
Olga Whittinghill 17, grade, four year average, 76.
Beaver Dam.
Walter Casebier, age 18, grade, four year average, 87.
Ella Belle Austin 19, grade, four year average, 82.
Anna Lou Hazelrigg 18, grade, four year average, 95.
Carrle Park 18, grade, four year average, 87.

AN OLD RESIDENTER.

In 1887 Mr. Bob Brown, a farmer living a few miles below town, on the river, discovered a rusty looking old terrapin, and while resting his team cut his initials and the date on the shell of the land mollusk. A few days ago Mr. Brown plowed up a terrapin, and remembering that he had once seen the old '87 residenter, examined its shell and found the initials and date as plain as it was when he whittled it there thirty two years ago. Mr. Brown's experience indicates that terrapins, like men, get rooted to the spot.